

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00978-RC**

LEOPOLD et al v. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Assigned to: Judge Rudolph Contreras

Case: 1:17-cv-02176-RC

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/08/2019

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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V.

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/08/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6047271) filed by JASON LEOPOLD, BUZZFEED, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 04/08/2019)
04/08/2019	<u>2</u>	LCvR 26.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by BUZZFEED, INC. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 04/08/2019)
04/08/2019	<u>3</u>	NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by BUZZFEED, INC., JASON LEOPOLD. Case related to Case No. 1:17-cv-2176 (RC). (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 04/08/2019)
04/09/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Rudolph Contreras. (zef, ) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/09/2019	<u>4</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef, ) (Entered: 04/09/2019)
04/11/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/10/2019. (

		Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/10/2019.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 4/10/2019. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 04/11/2019)
05/07/2019	<u>6</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 05/07/2019)
05/07/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>6</u> motion for extension of time: It is hereby ORDERED that Defendant's deadline to file its answer or other response to the complaint is extended to and including May 17, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 5/7/19. (lcrc1) (Entered: 05/07/2019)
05/17/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.(Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 05/17/2019)
05/17/2019		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall meet, confer, and jointly submit a proposed briefing schedule by May 31, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on May 17, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 05/17/2019)
05/21/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 5/31/2019 (tj) (Entered: 05/21/2019)
05/31/2019	<u>8</u>	PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 05/31/2019)
05/31/2019		MINUTE ORDER: It is hereby ORDERED that the following schedule will govern the parties' anticipated cross-motions for summary judgment in this case: Defendant's motion for summary judgment is due on July 19, 2019. Plaintiffs' opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment is due August 19, 2019. Defendant's reply and opposition to Plaintiffs' cross-motion is due September 13, 2019. And Plaintiffs' Reply is due September 30, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on May 31, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 05/31/2019)
07/18/2019	<u>9</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 07/18/2019)
07/19/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>9</u> Motion for Extension of Time: It is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. The briefing schedule for the parties' cross-motions for summary judgment is amended as follows: Defendant's motion for summary judgment is now due on August 2, 2019. Plaintiffs' opposition and cross-motion is due on September 4, 2019. Defendant's reply and opposition is due on September 27, 2019. And Plaintiffs' reply is due on October 14, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on July 19, 2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 07/19/2019)
07/19/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Cross Motions due by 9/4/2019. Response to Cross Motions due by 9/27/2019. Reply to Cross Motions due by 10/14/2019. Summary Judgment motions due by 8/2/2019. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 9/4/2019. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 9/27/2019. (tj) (Entered: 07/19/2019)
08/02/2019	<u>10</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Memorandum in Support, # <u>2</u> Declaration of Antoinette B. Shiner and exhibits, # <u>3</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 08/02/2019)
09/04/2019	<u>11</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>10</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by BUZZFEED, INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Appendix, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 1-2, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 09/04/2019)
09/04/2019	<u>12</u>	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment by BUZZFEED, INC., JASON LEOPOLD (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Appendix, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 1-2, # <u>4</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 09/04/2019)

09/27/2019	<u>13</u>	REPLY re <u>11</u> Memorandum in Opposition <i>Reply Memorandum in Further Support of Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment and in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment</i> filed by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 09/27/2019)
09/27/2019	<u>14</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>12</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment <i>Reply Memorandum in Further Support of Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment and in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment</i> filed by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Facts – Response to Plaintiffs' Statement of Facts, # <u>2</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 09/27/2019)
10/15/2019	<u>15</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>12</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by BUZZFEED, INC., JASON LEOPOLD. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 10/15/2019)
11/07/2019	<u>16</u>	ORDER denying <u>10</u> Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment and granting <u>12</u> Plaintiffs' Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. See document for details. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/7/2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 11/07/2019)
11/07/2019	<u>17</u>	MEMORANDUM OPINION denying <u>10</u> Defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment and granting <u>12</u> Plaintiffs' Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment. See document for details. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/7/2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 11/07/2019)
11/08/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Response due by 1/6/2020. Responses due by 12/7/2019 (tj) (Entered: 11/08/2019)
11/22/2019	<u>18</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>New Response to Plaintiffs' FOIA Request</i> by CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Tulis, Elizabeth) (Entered: 11/22/2019)
11/22/2019		ORDER granting <u>18</u> Motion for Extension of Time. It is hereby ORDERED that the Defendant shall file a new response to Plaintiff's FOIA request on or before January 9, 2020. Signed by Judge Rudolph Contreras on 11/22/2019. (lcrc2) (Entered: 11/22/2019)
11/22/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Responses due by 1/9/2020 (tj) (Entered: 11/22/2019)